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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of § 1.136(a), applicant petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003 for two months from January 6, 2004 to March 6, 2004. Enclosed is a check for \$210.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

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